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Preparation for:

- **Integrated Employment**
- **Independent Living**
- **Full Community Participation**

Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services

Secondary Transitional Experience Prog

STEP... Take It!

STEP is a transition program that prepares students with disabilities for meaningful work, independent living, and full community participation after high school.

STEP bridges the gap between school and work.

Program Goals

- To assist you in developing desirable work habits and realistic career goals;
- To provide opportunities for you to explore careers and gain meaningful work experiences through on-the-job placement;
- To teach pre-employment skills which are necessary for entry into the job market; and
- To help you develop the social and personal skills to maintain successful employment.

In summary, the goal of STEP is to provide experiences that will most effectively prepare you for life after high school.

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STEP Offers:

- Vocational assessment
- Vocational counseling
- Job training
- Community-based work experience
- Independent living skills training
- Coordination of Supported Employment services

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Who's Eligible?

Students with physical and/or mental disabilities enrolled in a high school.

STEP is a partnership
between your school, employers, and the
Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services.

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take it NOW!

Employers

Employers are the key to a successful work experience program. They provide training and supervision on the job and are closely involved in the evaluation process. In cooperation with the work study programs, employers take an active role in the educational/vocational development of the community's youth.

Benefits to the Employer

- You give students the opportunity to become independent, self-supporting citizens which helps them, their families, and the entire community.
- School staff screen students' interests and abilities to assure a good job match and conscientious, punctual workers.
- School staff are available for support, advice, and assistance to increase success and lower employer risk.
- Students are enthusiastic about the opportunity to have a part-time job.
- STEP allows flexibility in scheduling student hours.

Your Help is Important By:

- providing part-time job opportunities for STEP students
- recommending STEP to your business friends as an effective training service
- working with students who want to become productive employees

If you are interested in participating in STEP or would like more information about the program call DORS' Information Service Line at

1-800-ASK DORS

1-800-275-3677
(VOICE/TTY/ESPAÑOL)

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